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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Gary Faraci called the meeting of the Water Pollution Control Authority to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Water Pollution Control Facility Conference Room, 36 Drake Hill Road, Simsbury. The following members were also present: Warren Coe, Ed Kelly, Michael Park and Loren Shoemaker. Also present were: James Clifton, Superintendent WPCF, Richard Sawitzke, Town Engineer, Kendra Dahlquist, Clerk, and homeowners from 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 High Hill Circle. Paul Gilmore and Philip Richardson were absent.

II. PUBLIC HEARING: ASSESSMENTS FOR HIGH HILL CIRCLE

Mr. Park moved and Mr. Shoemaker seconded a motion to open a public hearing: motion passed.

Mr. Faraci opened the hearing by reading the Legal Notice, as follows:

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF SIMSBURY
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

There will be a public hearing on the proposed sewer assessments for 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 High Hill Circle in connection with the High Hill Circle sewer extension project, Thursday, April 8, 2010, at 7:30 pm in the conference room at the Water Pollution Control Facility, 36 Drake Hill Road, Simsbury. Copies of the proposed assessments are on file at the Town Clerk's Office. All affected property owners may appear and be heard.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
Philip Richardson, Chairman

Mr. Sawitzke reviewed the assessments and detailed the reasons for the variations and increases in construction costs, and consequent assessments

for each property, noting costs remained within the range of estimates given at the February 2008 public hearing. In response to questions from property owners, he explained various payment options.

A motion was made by Mr. Park and seconded by Mr. Shoemaker to close the public hearing: motion passed.

Mr. Faraci immediately reconvened the regular meeting at 7:58

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Shoemaker to approve the assessments as submitted: motion passed.

III. MINUTES: March 11, 2010

A motion was made by Mr. Shoemaker and seconded by Mr. Park to postpone approval of the minutes from March 11, 2010 until the next regular meeting; motion passed.

IV. SEWER USE BILLING POLICY AND FEE CHANGES FOR FY 2010-11

Mr. Clifton reported on the status of changing sewer use fees from an estimated charge for non-residential users, to a water use-based fee structure, noting it as an accurate and fair method of billing already in common use in the area.

Mr. Shoemaker moved and Mr. Park seconded a motion to hold a public hearing May 13 to facilitate approval of revisions to the Sewer Use Billing Policy; motion passed.

V. STATUS REPORTS ON SEWER EXTENSION PROJECTS

Mr. Sawitzke reported there were no projects currently under construction, but two are under design. A project on Seminary Road will require a future hearing for assessments.

VI. FCC FOR TARIFFVILLE MILL; 2 TUNXIS ROAD

Mr. Clifton reported on his investigation of prior use for the Tariffville Mill building and how he calculated his revised historical and baseline figures; no action was necessary.

VII. WATER TREATMENT FACILITY REPORT

Mr. Clifton reported that March was a month of high flows. There was a bypass at 3 Tuller Circle due to a blockage and at Tunxis Pump Station due to rain. Flooding into a South Interceptor manhole resulted in excess flows for two days and an effluent non-compliance report.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS: 67 Laurel Lane

Correspondence has been sent to various parties to encourage resolution of the violations at that address.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Shoemaker to adjourn the meeting: motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Gary Faraci, Vice Chairman